

75.000 TOWNSHIP PARKS
Ord. No. 1994-5
Adopted: October 12, 1994

This Ordinance prohibits acts by individuals that would cause damage to the area or to the public, and prohibits acts that would interfere with the enjoyable use of the Union Township Parks by others.

THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF UNION, ISABELLA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, ORDAINS:

75.001 Definitions.

Sec. I.

1.01. As used in these rules:

- (A) *Proper written permission* means a written permit issued by the Park Director, his authorized representatives, or the Township Administrator.
- (B) *Township parks* includes Jamieson Park and McDonald Park within the Charter Township of Union, Isabella County, State of Michigan.
- (C) *Unlicensed vehicle* means any motorized device.

75.002 Township parks: prohibited acts.

Sec. II.

2.01. A person shall not:

- (A) Enter, use, or occupy lands when the lands are posted prohibiting such entry, use, or occupancy.
- (B) Destroy, damage, or remove Township property, trees, shrubs, wildflowers, planted grass, or other vegetation without first obtaining proper written permission. This does not apply to the picking and removal of mushrooms, berries, and edible fruits or nuts.
- (C) Enter or remain in the Township parks between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. unless proper written permission is obtained.
- (D) Peddle or solicit business of any nature; distribute handbills or other advertising matter; post signs on any lands, structures, or property; or use such areas as a base of commercial operations without first obtaining proper written permission.
- (E) Use a loudspeaker, public address system, or sound-amplifying equipment of any kind without proper written permission. Permission shall not be granted if such equipment is capable of interfering with the use and enjoyment of the park by others. A person shall not operate any motor, motor vehicle, radio, television, phonograph, tape recorder, or any other device in such manner as to create excessive noise that may disturb or annoy others.
- (F) Engage in any violent, abusive, loud, boisterous, wanton, profane, obscene, or otherwise disorderly conduct tending to create a breach of the peace; disturb or annoy others; loiter, sit, or lie upon walks, passages, steps, or roads thereby obstructing the free passage of others; remove or damage the property of another.

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- (G) Build fires, except in designated stoves or grills that are approved by the park director or his representative.
 - (H) Dump, place, throw, leave, or cause or permit the dumping, placing, throwing, or leaving of litter in the park, except in containers provided; deposit refuse or waste material that has originated outside the park in receptacles or dumpsters provided for park users; set fire to the contents of a refuse or trash container; or place or burn garbage in a fire stove or grill.
 - (I) Store or leave a boat, trailer, camper, or other property in the park without first obtaining proper written permission.
 - (J) Possess an intoxicating beverage within the park grounds; be under the influence of intoxicating beverages or controlled substances in any park.
 - (K) Bring in, have in possession, set off, or otherwise cause to explode, discharge, or burn any firecrackers, rockets, other fireworks, or explosives of inflammable material, discharging them or throwing them into any such area land or highway adjacent thereto. This prohibition includes any substance, compound, mixture, or article that in conjunction with any other substance or compound would be dangerous from any of the foregoing standpoints. [For] any fireworks that are allowed [a person] must obtain a permit from the Union Township Board of Trustees.

75.003 Motor vehicles: prohibitive acts.

Sec. III.

3.01. A person shall not:

- (A) Operate or park a motor vehicle except on designated roads or designated parking areas; operate a motor vehicle on a park road or parking lot at a speed in excess of ten miles per hour, in an unsafe manner, at a speed greater than that posted, or to disobey traffic or parking signs. When a motor vehicle is found parked in the Township parks, the registration plate displayed on the motor vehicle shall constitute prima facie evidence that the owner of the vehicle is the person who parked it there.
- (B) Operate a motor-driven vehicle or any motorized device except on roads and parking lots constructed for the operation of licensed vehicles.
- (C) Operate an unlicensed vehicle on a park road or parking lot.

75.004 Recreational uses: prohibitive acts.

Sec. IV.

4.01. A person shall not:

- (A) Picnic or lunch in a place other than those designated for that purpose. Park employees shall have the authority to regulate activities in such areas when necessary to prevent congestion and to secure the maximum use for comfort and convenience of all. Park users shall comply with any directions given to achieve this end.
- (B) Violate the regulation that use of the individual grills, together with tables and benches, follows generally the rule of first-come, first-served.
- (C) Leave a picnic area before the cooking grill is fully extinguished, and before all trash in [the] nature of boxes, papers, cans, bottles, garbage and other refuse is placed in the disposal receptacles where provided.

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- (D) Set up tents, shacks, or any other temporary shelter for the purpose of overnight camping, nor shall any person leave in a park after closing hours any movable structure, or special vehicle to be used or [which] could be used for such purposes as house trailer, camp trailer, camp wagon, or the like unless proper written permission is obtained.
 - (E) Take part in or abet the playing of any games involving thrown, or otherwise propelled objects such as balls, stones, arrows, javelins, or model airplanes except in areas set apart for such forms of recreation. The unsupervised playing of rough, or comparatively dangerous games such as football, baseball, soccer, and softball are prohibited except on the fields and courts or areas provided therefor.

75.005 Animals: prohibitive acts.

Sec. V.

5.01. A person shall not:

- (A) Possess a dog or other animal unless it is under immediate control on a leash not exceeding six feet in length.
- (B) Bring a dog, except leader dogs, or other animals into an enclosed park building or leave a dog or other animal unattended at any time; permit a dog or other animal to run loose or create a disturbance; or to fail to properly control a dog or other animal. Any dog or other animal found not in possession of, or under immediate control of, its owner or the owner's agent, or any animal creating a nuisance or disturbance, may be removed from the park.
- (C) Ride, permit, or allow horses or other riding animals, within the Township parks.

75.006 Firearms and hunting: prohibitive acts.

Sec. VI.

6.01. A person shall not:

- (A) Carry or have in possession a firearm, or bow and arrow.
- (B) Hunt, trap, kill, wound, capture, or intentionally disturb any bird, animal, or other wildlife.
- (C) Discharge any device that propels a projectile by gas, air, spring, or rubber.

75.007 Violation of rules.

Sec. VII.

7.01. Violation of any park rule may result in eviction from the park. Violation of any park rule may also result in a criminal complaint being initiated. Violation of any rule or failure to perform any act set forth in the rules is punishable by a fine of not more than \$100.00 and costs of prosecution, and/or by the imprisonment in the discretion of the court.

75.008 Exemptions.

Sec. VIII.

8.01. Township employees acting in the line of duty or persons performing specific acts authorized by written permission are exempt from the provisions of these rules.

75.009 Title.

Sec. IX. This Ordinance shall be known and cited as the "Charter Township of Union Ordinance Number 1994-5, Park Ordinance."

75.010 Severability.

Sec. X. The provisions, sections, sentences and phrases of this Ordinance are declared to be severable and if any such portion is declared unconstitutional or invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, such finding shall in no way affect or invalidate the remainder of this Ordinance.

75.011 Effective date.

Sec. XI. This Ordinance shall take effect 30 days after publication by the Charter Township of Union Board of Trustees.